Decline in Violence after the imposition of ban on PWG

1114. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the imposition of ban on People's War Group there has been a decline in violent incidents in the previously PWG violence affected States of the country; and

(b) the percentage of decline in the incidents since imposition of the ban?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Since declaration of PWG as a Terrorist Organisation under the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism (Second) Ordinance, 2001, there has been an increase in the violent incidents perpetrated by the outfit, as compared to the same period last year. However, some of these incidents were as a result of its protest action against inclusion under POTO.

Recognition of Liberation of Ex-French India Movement as Freedom Movement

1115. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recognize the struggle of liberation of Ex-French India as Freedom Movement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to recognize Liberation of Ex-French India Movement for SSS Pension and initiate action to grant pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Merger Movements in the former French possessions in India have been recognized as part of Freedom Mswtasaat for *the* purpose of grant of Samman Pension under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme. However, in the case of